

Page 12, line 5, cancel "a sponge-like material" and substitute therefor --A spongy material is --;
 line 7, cancel ";(semi-colon) and substitute therefor --and--;
 same line cancel "covering" and substitute therefor --covers--;
 line 8, cancel the line and substitute therefor "the spongy material. A cylindrical passageway is";
 line 9, cancel " sponge-like" and substitute therefor --spongy--;
 line 11, cancel "; and a" and substitute therefor --.A--;
 same line, before "disposed" insert '--is--;
 line 13, cancel "sponge-like" and substitute therefor --spongy--;
 line 14, cancel "sponge-like" and substitute therefor --spongy--;
 line 15, cancel "sponge-like" and substitute therefor --spongy--; and
 line 17, cancel "spong-like" and substitute therefor --spongy--.

REMARKS

The abstract of the disclosure originally contained only 169 words which is well within the range of 50 to 250 words suggested by the Patent Office rules. It is respectfully submitted that the original abstract set forth in a single paragraph and contained language that was clear and concise. However, in a spirit of cooperation the abstract has been amended in a manner which more precisely follows the suggestions contained in Examiner's comments. It is respectfully submitted that any objection to the abstract has been overcome by the amendment submitted hereinabove and should enable removal of the objections to the abstract as an issue in subject application.

Reconsideration of the rejection to claims 1-20 under 35USC112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested in view of the amendments thereto and the following comments.

Claims 1,2,5,11 (similar to claims 15 and 18), 15 and 18 have been amended to eliminate the objected to terms, such as, "sponge-like" and "cylindrical-like" and substituting therefore terms believed to be definite as indicated in the amendments hereinabove to the above-mentioned claims. These amendments should enable removal of the rejection under 35USC112, second paragraph, as an issue in subject application.

It should be noted that the definition of "sponge" in Webster Illustrated Contemporary Dictionary does not mention "resilience". Rather, "sponge" is defined as being an absorbent material.